Janani Suraksha Yojana

†2051. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to bring Janani Suraksha Yojana after modifying the National Maternity Scheme, 1995;

(b) what benefits will be available to poor women who have given birth to the child under this scheme;

(c) whether Government has put this argument before the Supreme Court that many ladies die during the pregnancy period due to poverty in the country;

(d) whether the economic assistance of Rs. 500 will be useful as a life savour; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Yes, Sir. The Janani Suraksha Yojana has been operationalished from 12th April 2005.

(b) Janani Suraksha Yojana envisages cash incentive of Rs. 1400/- (in rural areas) and Rs. 1000/- (in urban areas) for women delivering in Government Health Centres in Low Performing States (LPS). In High Performing States (HPS) the beneficiary is entitled to Rs. 700/- and Rs. 600/- respectively in rural and urban areas.

Further the ASHA is entitled to incentive of Rs. 600 and Rs. 200 for urban and rural areas respectively in all LPS, NE States and in the tribal districts of all States and UTs. ASHA package include cash assistance for Referral transport for pregnant women to go to the nearest health centre for delivery.

JSY also subsidizes the cost of Caesarean Section or for the management of Obstetric complications, upto to Rs. 1500/- per delivery to the Government institution, where Government specialists are not in position.

The Below Poverty Line (BPL) pregnant women, aged 19 years and above, preferring to deliver at home are entitled to cash assistance of Rs. 500/- per delivery, upto two live births.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) JSY is a critical initiative which aims at reducing Maternal mortality and morbidity associated with deliveries conducted outside health institutions. The scheme seeks to encourage early registration of pregnancy, micro planning of pregnancy including complete Antenatal Care (ANC), prior identification of place of delivery, mode of transport, referral linkages and engagement of escort etc.

The financial assistance under the scheme ameliorates the anxiety associated with travel to the health institution and provides much needed support after the event of delivery.

Anaemia during pregnancy

†2052. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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